

HIS ANSWER A TERSE ONE

MR. SPRINGER'S SHARP REPLY TO
BANKER ST. JOHN'S LETTER.

He Said That the Banker Had All Privilege
to Pay Checks in Standard Silver Dollars
and If the Course is Pursued in the Result
Will be a Happy One.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Representative Springer is in receipt of a letter from William P. St. John, president of the Mercantile National bank of New York, in which that gentleman says: "Under the profound conviction that the present condition of the treasury reserve and liberal accumulations of idle money in New York and other money centers afford together a new opportunity to do safely, I write to beg of you to urge the secretary of the treasury to exercise the option conferred on him by law to redeem the United States notes in standard silver dollars."

"The treasury reserve is now composed of about one hundred and five million dollars of gold and only about fifteen million dollars of free silver. If the secretary will instruct the treasurer and every assistant treasurer of the United States to meet demands for the redemption of United States notes and the treasury notes in standard silver dollars only and to continue the instruction for a reasonable time, the achievement will be, in all details and in every respect, a happy one; and no more interesting public debt will need to be created."

"On the other hand, if the secretary of the treasury shall neglect this opportunity, the neglect may prove one more just ground for fault finding with his administration of our public finances."

In reply to this letter Mr. Springer writes to Mr. St. John as follows:

"Your letter of the 21st inst. is received. In answer thereto permit me to say: I am under the profound conviction that the present condition of the treasury reserve and liberal accumulations of idle money in New York afford together a new opportunity for you to exercise the discretion conferred on you by law to pay all checks at the bank of which you are president in standard silver dollars. If you should pursue this course for a reasonable time the achievement will be in all details and in every respect a happy one. On the other hand, if you should neglect this opportunity, the neglect may prove one more just ground for fault finding with those financiers who preach one doctrine and practice another."

FINE CELEBRATION

By Washington Union Brotherhood.
The thirty-seventh annual banquet of Washington Union Brotherhood was held at Heublein's cafe yesterday. The officers of the association are: President Frank H. Harris, Vice President F. W. J. Sizler and Louis Osterweis, Secretary Joseph A. Bromley, executive committee, John C. Miles, George E. Thompson, F. B. Byington and Hemingway Smith. Dinner was served at 2 p. m. and the menu showed the excellent taste of the committee having the matter in charge.

Speeches were made by George E. Thompson, George Bromley, W. H. Johnson, A. P. Hotchkiss and F. W. J. Sizler. The brotherhood will hold its semi-annual August 22 at Merwin's Point. The death of Joseph B. Jewett, who was a member of the brotherhood, was spoken of with much feeling. Several new members were admitted. They were Frank C. Murphy, Willis R. Holt, J. W. Whittemore, Joseph Mann, Jacob Mann, Nathaniel Hoyt and General A. H. Embler of this city and R. W. Miles, Jerome Tyrrell and John H. Hurley of Meriden.

Besides those mentioned were present: E. A. Doolittle, W. H. Johnson, George Bromley, William A. Russell, A. C. Thomas, Robert M. Stevens, A. J. Clerklin and several others.

Liquor Dealers Met.

A meeting of the New Haven Liquor Dealers' association was held at Elks' hall yesterday afternoon, at which in the absence of the president, N. W. Kendall, the vice president, James E. McGann, presided. Only business of a routine nature was transacted, but a special meeting of the association to take action on some important business will be held in the near future.

Colorado Republicans Meet.

Detroit, Feb. 22.—The annual meeting of the State League of Republican Clubs was held here to-day. President P. T. Colgrove in his address said that the convention was being brought face to face with the problem of finance. The silver platform adopted by the national convention of republican clubs at Denver had become the sentiment of the rank and file of the party. At the next national convention the party position in regard to silver would be settled. Perry Powers was elected president of the league.

Turned State's Evidence.

Stafford, C. H., Va., Feb. 22.—In the trial of Morganfield, the train robber, here to-day, Charles J. Scarey, who was also arrested for taking part in the robbery, testified that the robbery was planned in Washington; that Morganfield and himself robbed the car and that Morganfield went into the car while he held up the fireman and engineer.

Freshmen Carry Canes.

Washington's birthday brought joy to the hearts of the Yale freshmen, as they were then permitted to begin carrying canes, a concession eagerly looked forward to by the freshmen. Yesterday they took great delight in strutting about the campus showing their new sticks and enviously watched the sophomores wearing their high hats, which is a sophomore custom always carried out on February 22.

WASHINGTON HONORED.

How the Day Was Observed Throughout the Country.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was more elaborately observed here than it has been for a number of years, an additional feature being the patriotic exercises of the National Council of Women, now in session in this city. The entire local militia turned out under the command of Colonel William G. Moore, headed by the Marine band and by the Sixth United States Cavalry band of Fort Myer.

The Sons of the Revolution observed the occasion in a fitting manner. A Martha Washington tea was given by the Woman's National Press association and a Japanese tea at the house of Miss Clara Barton by the Legion of Loyal Women. The oldest inhabitants' association held its usual public meeting.

The G. A. R. held services at the Metropolitan M. E. church. N. General Daniel E. Sickles of New York and Hon. Charles A. Boutelle of Maine making addresses.

The occasion was also generally celebrated by the Masonic Veterans' association of Washington and other organizations.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Ceremonies of a more extended character than have been known for years marked to-day's celebration in this city of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Banks and other fiduciary institutions and the several exchanges were closed and many business houses shut down either for the whole or for part of the day.

The principal event was the exercises at the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. The students of the university, preceded by the naval reserve band, marched in a body from the university buildings to the academy. Governor Hastings presided and made an introductory address. The orator of the day was Prof. John Bach McMaster, the historian, and who is a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was generally observed here to-day, the banks, courts, board of trade, stock exchange and the city and county offices being closed. At all the public schools appropriate exercises were held under the auspices of the Union League club.

New York, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was observed here to-day with as much spirit as usual in this city. In the early hours there was a sharp, biting wind, making out of door exercises exceedingly unpopular.

The city bore a holiday appearance in the display of flags and bunting. Travel on the elevated and surface roads was small and the streets were nearly deserted.

The public buildings and the big office buildings were closed, and very little business was transacted down town.

Old Glory waved gloriously on the water. Craft of all kinds carried one to three flags. Ferry boats, steamboats, steamships and tugs all flew the emblem.

Along the river from the display was general and in effect beautiful.

Pittsburg, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was generally and fittingly observed throughout Pittsburg and Allegheny. Business was suspended at noon. In the afternoon patriotic and civic organizations, several thousand strong, paraded the principal thoroughfares.

A PLEASANT TROLLEY PARTY

Yesterday afternoon—Dinner at the Forbes House—Another in the Evening.

A small trolley party yesterday afternoon left the corner of George and Orchard streets at 3 o'clock over the system of the New Haven Street Railway company. They stopped at the Forbes house, where H. B. Forbes, the proprietor, served a fine dinner. After the dinner Lawyer Eli Mix acted as toastmaster and remarks were made by D. W. Blakelee, James Bishop and others. Those accompanying the party were: Mr. and Mrs. James Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Blakelee, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bushnell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Mix, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stoddard.

ANOTHER.

Another trolley party went over the Fair Haven road's line last evening in a West Shore car, which was very prettily decorated with flags and bunting. The party hailed from "The Hill" and was a very pleasant one of ladies and gentlemen. Toot horns were sounded occasionally.

Escaped the Gallows.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 22.—Hunt, the murderer who was to have been hanged here to-day, escaped the gallows at the last moment, the governor having commuted his sentence to life imprisonment.

Senators in a Fight.

Denver, Feb. 22.—In the senate to-day Senator Mills, in the course of debate, called Senator Peace a liar. Mills then threw a paper weight at Peace and the senators clinched and fought viciously. The result was four black eyes and a lively flow of blood. The contestants were finally separated. The senate ordered an investigation of the fracas and adjourned.

Approved by the President.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The president has approved the joint resolution extending from March 1, 1895, to April 15, 1895, the time for making returns of income for the year 1894 under the income tax provisions of the revenue act of 1894.

INDIAN FIGHT IN SENATE.

SENATORS IN A DEBATE ON THE
APPROPRIATION BILL.

Senator Gorman in a Lengthy Speech Referred to the Barbarism That Prevails in the Indian Territory and of the Judicial Atrocities Perpetrated There.

Washington, Feb. 22.—In the senate to-day Mr. Mills, dem., of Texas, introduced an amendment to the sundry civil bill, which reads:

"And all laws which authorize the secretary of the treasury to sell the bonds of the United States for any purpose are hereby repealed."

After some discussion the vote was first taken on the amendment reported from the committee on appropriations to strike from the bill words authorizing the secretary of the interior to reduce the amount used for contract schools proportionately each year, so that, at the end of five years all contracts for Indian children's education shall cease. The amendment was adopted—yeas 31; nays 23; and the clause was struck out of the bill.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Pettigrew's amendment and it was rejected—yeas 13; nays 33.

All the committee amendments having been disposed of, the bill was declared open to general amendments.

Mr. Call, dem., of Florida, moved to amend the provision referring to the court of claims of the claim of the Wichita and other affiliated bands for their share of the consideration paid for Indian lands, by adding to it a proviso that the judgment of the court shall not be binding in congress but "only advisory and of persuasive force."

Rejected.

Mr. Morgan, dem., of Alabama, offered as an amendment a bill, heretofore reported by him from the committee on Indian affairs, to establish United States courts in the Indian territory, and addressed the senate in explanation and advocacy of its object, being, he said, to get rid gradually of the Indian courts and to confer on United States courts plenary jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters.

Most of Mr. Gorman's speech, which occupied one hour and a half, was directed to a narration of the barbarism that prevails in the Indian territory and of the judicial atrocities perpetrated there.

At the close of the speech the amendment was read, consuming another half hour. Then Mr. Morgan intimated that a question of order was to be made on the amendment that it was general legislation on an appropriation bill, and that that question should be decided in limine.

Mr. Berry, dem., of Arkansas, said that if the amendment were held to be in order he would offer as a substitute for it a proposition to set up a territorial government in the Indian territory.

The point of order was raised by Mr. Mills, dem., of Texas, and was sustained by the vice president—Mr. Morgan's amendment being thus excluded.

At this point a suggestion for an executive session was made by Mr. Mills and remembrance against it was made by Mr. Call, who has charge of the Indian bill and who said if the bill were not passed this evening or early to-morrow some of the general appropriations would fail.

Mr. Pettigrew, rep., of South Dakota, said the bill could not be disposed of to-night. As he had a large number of important amendments. He added that it was well understood in the chamber that at 3 o'clock to-morrow an effort would be made to get up the railroad pooling bill and to let Mr. Call ask unanimous consent that the vote on the Indian appropriation bill be taken to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Pepper, pop., of Kansas, objected at the same moment.

Then Mr. Morgan, dem., of Maryland, asked unanimous consent that the vote should be taken before adjournment to-morrow, but a positive objection came from Mr. Chandler, rep., of New Hampshire.

Thereupon Mr. Mills' motion to proceed to executive business was carried.

After the executive session the senate adjourned.

Sacred Concert.

A grand sacred concert will be given for the benefit of St. Louis French church at Germania hall on Sunday, the 24th, by the St. Louis choir. Soloists, Miss C. Roy, A. Portier, E. Thibault, E. Dumas, A. Folsie, Mrs. B. Boldue, and E. Dupuis, M. M. Gamrot and C. Rasset. Piano solo by Miss V. Kinney. Recitations by Miss Alma Roy of the Berkeley Lyceum, New York. Chorus and orchestra under the direction of Professor C. Rasset. The festival closes to-night at the same hall.

Death of Henry M. Gilbert.

The many friends of Mr. Henry M. Gilbert of Chicago will be grieved to learn of his sudden death in that city of pneumonia last Sunday. Mr. Gilbert formerly attended General Russell's military school in this city, and later lived in New York. Twelve years ago he moved to Chicago, where he had been engaged in the insurance business. He was a son of the late Henry O. Gilbert and leaves a wife and mother and a sister, Mrs. D. H. Farrell of Baltimore.

DIED LAST EVENING.

Miss Annie Carholme, Victim of the Burning Accident.
Miss Annie Carholme, the girl who was so terribly burned last Wednesday while doing laundry work for Mrs. Crampton on Orange street, died last evening at about 8 o'clock at the New Haven hospital.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

Wallace W. Ward, ex-superintendent of the West Haven street railroad, was reported last night to be more comfortable and hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Mrs. R. A. Bedding and Mrs. M. H. Hemingway are among the recent arrivals in St. Augustine, Fla.

George H. Bishop of Peck & Bishop is seriously ill.

Attorney Albert H. Moulton was made happy Thursday by a new son.

Ex-Constable John J. Shea has bought the Germania house in Union street from George Frank, its former proprietor.

Mrs. Frank M. Carroll of 172 Cedar street and Mrs. Bryan Balsey are visiting friends in Washington.

John F. Dougherty, captain of engine No. 1 of the fire department is seriously ill at his home, No. 142 Howard avenue.

Francis Donnelly is still critically ill with pneumonia, but Dr. Cremin is yet hopeful of his recovery.

Mrs. William B. Catlin is reported to be improving.

Edward Malley, the dry goods merchant, is at Catawba Junction, South Carolina.

Twentieth Anniversary.

The twentieth anniversary of Nu Deuteron, a Yale society, was celebrated by a banquet at Heublein's cafe last evening. About thirty members of the society were present. Sanford B. Martin was toastmaster, and the several toasts were responded to as follows: "Nu Deuteron," by Lewis Hewlett; "Dear Old Yale," Carlos C. Heard; "Brotherly Love," Oswald Simpson; "The Ladies," Frank W. Brown; "Our Fraternity," Robert J. Woodruff.

DIED IN MERIDEN.

Was Formerly of New Haven.

Meriden, Feb. 22.—Ellen, wife of Maurice Luby, owner of the marble and granite works on Hanover street, died this noon, aged forty-two years.

The departed was formerly Miss Ellen Ryan and resided in New Haven, where she was married to Mr. Luby in St. Patrick's church on Grand avenue twenty-four years ago. She leaves her husband and five children.

PEQUOTS IN WINTER.

Another Successful Event Enjoyed by the Members of the Association.

The Pequot association celebrated yesterday by a very successful Washington birthday party in the club house at Morris Cove.

Throughout the afternoon many ladies were present, and an elaborate supper was served at 6 o'clock with covers for one hundred. At 8 o'clock the grand march was joined in by 125 couples led by the president, Colonel S. J. Fox and Mrs. Wilson H. Lee. Dancing was continued until 11 o'clock, and special cars conveyed the entire party to this city.

This was the fourth winter event of the Pequot club, and demonstrated by the enthusiastic attendance that it is as popular at this season as it has become during the summer months.

The cafe and club house was handsomely decorated throughout, and Robinson furnished music.

Among those present were Colonel and Mrs. S. J. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Manross, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Reed, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. Myron B. Durham, Commodore and Mrs. F. W. Hinman, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Scantmon, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Coan, Mr. and Mrs. William Demarest, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Belden, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Langdale, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Champion, William H. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Conn, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis and J. E. Todd.

The new Pequot club had been partially carried away by heavy ice this winter, but is to be replaced with improvements. The house is also to undergo many changes, which will make it very attractive the coming summer, and plans for the same are already under way.

Surprise Party on M. as Sophie Rolinus.

A birthday surprise was given in little Germania hall last evening on Sophie Rolinus. Several young friends of Miss Rolinus had so well arranged that the surprise was complete. Among those present were the Misses Lizzie Hugo, Mary Hugo, Catherine Miller, Annie Hugo, Clara Noebe, Anna Miller, Messrs. John Hugo, Charles Hauser, George Hugo, John Rolinus, Joseph Miller and others.

The City Missions.

The people's service at the City mission hall, corner of Court and State streets, is held at half-past seven o'clock every Sunday evening. This service to-morrow evening will be conducted by the Christian Endeavor society of the United church. Other Sunday services as usual.

OBITUARY.

Death of Mrs. Eber I. Thompson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, wife of Eber I. Thompson, died yesterday, aged about eighty-two years. She died of paralysis. She was formerly of Plymouth, Conn., and was a very estimable old lady, whose death will be much mourned. The funeral service will take place next Monday afternoon at the residence, No. 51 Salem street, of her son-in-law, Mr. E. B. Bradley, the well-known picture frame maker of this city.

Severely Hurt.

Morris Mack of 114 George street fell in Grogan alley yesterday morning, cutting his head quite badly. He was taken to the hospital. He was on his way home from the Concordia hall when he met with the accident.

West Haven's New Postmaster.

The senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of C. B. Davis as postmaster at West Haven.

WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH

NOTHING BUT THE BONES OF ONE
FOUND IN THE ASHES.

One of the Victims Went Back to Her Room After Some Jewelry and in Consequence Forfeited Her Life—Many Buildings Were Burned Before the Fire Was Under Control.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 22.—Fire broke out in the Ledgerwood bakery on Ouachita avenue at 4 a. m. It was in the southern part of the city where boarding houses abounded, and in an hour five boarding houses, several stores and fifteen cottages, in all worth \$100,000, had been swept away and three women had been burned to death.

The dead are: Mrs. Laura Scammon, Mrs. Henry J. McLeod and Augustine Stivetto, colored.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brownson of Macon, Ga., Mrs. Peacock and others were injured, but none dangerously.

A strong wind fanned the flames, but prevented them from moving in the direction of the big hotels and bath houses. The streets covered by the fire were Ouachita, Sealey, Malvern, Woodbine and Orange.

The Ledgerwood bakery was a frame building, on the second floor of which Mrs. Scammon had furnished apartments. Charles Ledgerwood first saw the flames and in his efforts to extinguish them neglected to warn people in the neighborhood.

Nothing was heard of Mrs. Scammon until the fire was over, when her bones were found in the ashes. Mrs. McLeod was a guest of the Laclede boarding house. She was aroused and with her husband started out of the house, but she remembered some jewelry and returned for it against the advice of her husband. When she started back she found her way blocked by the flames. Her husband tried to reach her and almost lost his life in the effort. She endeavored to rush through the flames, but fell down and perished. The remains of the colored woman were found in a partly saved room in the same house.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownson lived on the third floor of the Ouachita boarding house, and when aroused found the house wrapped in fire. Escape by the stairway was cut off. They rushed to the window and tried to the people below for help, but none could be given them. Mrs. Brownson tied several sheets and blankets together, making a rope long enough to reach down to the window below. She went down first, escaped the second floor window and entered by a back stairway. When her husband reached the second floor the stairway was blocked by flames and he had to jump. He received severe injuries. The woman was badly lacerated by sliding down the rope.

Twenty-eight buildings were burned. The aggregate of the value of the fifteen cottages was \$25,000. The boarding houses destroyed were: The Ouachita, Illinois, La Clede, and Bloomington.

Each of these with contents was worth \$5,000. The other losses were the R. Randolph residence, worth \$6,000; the Olinson state, the West house, and the latter worth \$5,000; E. Japlin's grocery, \$5,000; R. L. Williams' store and building, \$12,000; H. M. Hudgin's residence, \$10,000.

Rock of Ages.

E. J. Hassan is working diligently rehearsing the company of local talent that is to support him in his production of "Rock of Ages," to take place at the Hyperion on Tuesday, February 26. Special scenery is being painted for it by Walter Blakelee, among them the most notable are the "Little Church Around the Corner," New York; Harry Hill's concert hall, New York; the "Shipwreck Scene," and the mission scene showing the "Rock of Ages." Musical specialties will be produced and M. J. McCarthy, the tenor of the Church of the Redeemer, will sing the "Holy City." Among those who will take part are Miss Marie Bree, Mrs. Emily Hall-Wood, Miss Gertrude Leyerzapf, Messrs. Frank Cameron, Wilbur W. Wood, H. L. Waterhouse, Alfred Hurlbut, Erasmus Reddell, Owen Hickey, and many others. The box office sale will open this morning.

A Washington Birthday Reclat.

Mrs. Bernice Chase Smith, a popular music teacher, gave a recital at the Dessauer-Trostwyk School of Music yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The program consisted of selections for the piano rendered entirely by pupils of Mrs. Smith, many of whom have attained great proficiency. Invitations were issued to the friends of the participants, many of whom were present.

A Very Pleasant Occasion.

The old folks concert given by the members of St. Paul's choir, assisted by Miss May Pendleton, elocutionist, was heard with delight in the parish house by a large audience.

The program opened with the anthem, "Sound the Loud Timbrel," by the choir with orchestral accompaniment. This was followed by duets and solos by members of the choir. Mrs. Nora Russell-Haese sang exquisitely and won tremendous applause. Miss May Pendleton recited "Farmer Skinner's Visit to Boston," and "The Red Fan," in an artistic manner. The costumes were all "Ye Olden Times," and were very becoming to the young ladies and gentlemen.

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SOME OF THE OLDEST EMPLOYEES.

OF THE N. Y. N. H. & H. Railroad Company—Their Terms of Service.

The sudden death of Mr. J. Harvey Miner, late superintendent of the new railroad office building on Meadow street in this city, has caused some inquiry as to who the oldest employees of the Consolidated are. Mr. Miner was one of the oldest, but there are a few who came into the employment before he did, having run an engine on the old Harlem R. R. previous to his commencing to work for the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. There was also a break in his term of service as he was for several years in the sewing machine business. Mr. George Jackson commenced work for the railroad company in the year 1848, but was out of service for several years. He is at present attending a switcher in the passenger yard at Spring street. Mr. Daniel Dougherty commenced working for the company in the machine shops in 1848, but went into the old Shore Line R. R. company's shops and stayed for sixteen years. When the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. leased that road he again came into their employ. Mr. James Tracey was employed as a coachman for the company when the N. Y. N. H. R. road was being built, and when the shops were established in this city he became employed as a bolt cutter, and has remained there ever since.

Mr. Benjamin Gates commenced working for the company as a machinist in the year 1850, and was for thirty-seven years general foreman of the locomotive works in this city. He is now employed as machinist at the shops in this city. Mr. Gates and Tracey undoubtedly are the two oldest and living employees who have worked for the company without a break. It is interesting to hear these old veterans tell of the New York road in its younger days. They take the same interest in the company's affairs as if it were their own personal property. The company does not require them to do the hustling that is required of young blood in these days of lively railroading. Mr. John Southworth was the oldest engineer on the road, but was retired a year ago. Mr. Samuel Rand is another veteran engineer; he is now engine house inspector. Mr. Albert Houghton, the old engineer of the Hartford division, is in the Hartford shops, giving out the oil supplies.

Edwin Chatterton, another old timer on the New York division, is now employed as engine despatcher, and has the responsible duty of seeing that all trains out of this city are equipped with necessary power to haul them.

THE BLUES' BALL.

A Large Assemblage at the Second Regiment Armory Last Night—The Committee—Some of Those Present.

The 66th annual reception and ball of the National Blues was held in the Second Regiment armory last night. The armory was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The grand military march was started at 9 o'clock, led by Captain Beach and Miss Johnson. Lunch was served in the armory during the intermission. From 8 to 9 there was a concert by the Philharmonic orchestra of twenty-two pieces, Frank Fichtel, leader. Professor Dunn presided. The following were the several committees in charge of the reception.

Executive committee—Lieutenant Harry C. Young, chairman; Q. M. Sergeant L. D. Kappeler, Sergeant T. H. Newbold, Corporal M. H. Rourke, Sergeant L. H. Page, Corporal J. C. Hamilton, Private F. Bates.

Reception committee—Captain Wallace E. Beach, chairman; First Lieutenant A. B. Smith, Second Lieutenant H. C. Young, ex-Captain J. C. Heolster, ex-Captain H. D. Phillips, ex-Captain W. Bristol, ex-Captain L. J. Thomas, ex-Captain A. H. Embler, ex-Captain John Shuster, ex-Captain George E. Albers, ex-Lieutenant J. C. Morris, ex-Lieutenant R. W. Waite, ex-Lieutenant C. L. Parsons, R. G. Christie, E. J. Williams, J. C. Twining, H. F. Morse, J. G. English.

Floor committee—Sergeant H. G. Young, floor manager; Corporal G. P. Gesner, Corporal J. G. Morris, Corporal D. F. Clifford, Trumpeter F. F. Proctor, Private W. B. Nichols, Private F. J. Sheilds, Private T. W. Wright, Private R. Liddell, Private P. M. Robbins, Private S. P. Rogers, Private J. G. Schmitt, Private C. B. Jones, Private W. Rowe, Private G. O. Barton, Private M. F. Chadeayne, Private T. S. Donohue, E. M. Dolph, E. E. Norton, F. W. Lathrop, D. A. McNeill, F. A. Parks, D. A. McIntyre, H. I. St. Jacques, W. M. McOmber.

Among those present were General Peck, General Daggett, Paymaster Lowe, Major Albee, Major Callahan, Captain Reddington, and Lieutenant Newton of the Horse Guard, Major Brown and Captain Johnson of the Foot Guard, and Captain Thompson, United States navy.

The military march was led by General Peck and Major Brown. About 100 uniformed men took part in the march. It was a very enjoyable affair and 150 couples were in the grand march.

Mr. L. Candee, who is now in business for himself, decorated the armory for the Blues' ball last night. The decorations were very artistic, as Mr. Candee is an adept in the art.

O'Rourke's Confident.

The State Baseball Leagues Prospects, Bridgeport, Feb. 22.—James H. O'Rourke feels confident that the Connecticut Baseball league, recently organized, will be a go. He insists that a team will be placed in Waterbury before the season begins. The Bridgeport club will be made up almost entirely of local men, as he claims there is plenty of good material here. The Park City Athletic club will use its splendid grounds in the east end for amateur league games and exhibitions by outside teams. Manager Cann of the Y. M. C. A. club prefers the latter grounds to those at Pleasant Beach because liquor is sold at that place. The season here promises to be lively.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

THE CITY STRONGLY SHOWS ITS PATRIOTISM.

The Exercises at the Hyperion—Addressed by Herbert E. Benton and Rev. Mr. Potat—Other Numbers on the Program—The